The Gospel in the Old Testament  
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▶ “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)
▶ Is the Gospel in the Old Testament?
▶ The Old Testament gives the foundation for the Gospel.
▶ An inspired precedent
  – John 5:39
  – Acts 17:2-3, 11
▶ The Gospel in the Old Testament
▶ The Creator of Heaven and Earth – Lesson 1 (Genesis 1)
  – John 17:3
  – Psalm 19:1
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1: The Creator of Heaven and Earth – Genesis 1
2: You Shall Surely Die! – Genesis 2-3
3: Grace in the Eyes of the LORD – Genesis 6-8
5: The LORD Will Provide – Genesis 22
6: Jacob and Esau – Genesis 25:20-34; 27:1-40
7: The Passover Lamb – Exodus 11-12
8: The Old Covenant – Exodus 19, 24
9: A King and a Kingdom – 2 Samuel 7
11: The New Covenant – Jeremiah 31
12: The Valley of Dry Bones – Ezekiel 36:22-37:14
13: The Just Shall Live by Faith – Habakkuk 1-3
The Creator of Heaven and Earth

In the beginning, God . . .
  – The assumption of Deity (1:1)
  – Common knowledge for all mankind (cf. Rom. 1:19-20)
  – The first point of faith – Hebrews 11:6

In the beginning, God created . . .
  – God created the heavens and the earth
  – God and the “laws of nature”
  – Proverbs 25:2
  – Daniel 4:34-35

The power of God’s Word
  – “And God said” (Hebrews 11:3; Romans 4:17)
  – Applications:
    ▶ At the end of the age:
      2 Thess. 2:8 – “kill with the breath of His mouth”
      Rev. 19:15 – from his mouth, a sharp sword strikes
      Psalm 33:6-10 – fear the LORD
    ▶ At the time of salvation:
      2 Corinthians 4:6.
      2 Corinthians 5:17

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The Six Days of Creation

Day 1
The heavens and the earth
Light
Day and night

Day 2
Firmament – expanse (ESV)
Atmosphere

Day 3
Land and sea
Vegetation
A strange eco-system

Day 4
Sun, moon, stars
Signs and seasons

Day 5
Creatures of water and air

Day 6
Creatures of the land
Man
An unscientific account

- Earth first
- Light before heavenly bodies
- Day and night before sun and moon
- Atmosphere before land and plants
- Plants before the sun
- Late appearance of sun, moon and stars
- Distinct creation of plants, animals and man
- No death – no carnivores

A magnificent God
The creation of man

- Special deliberation in the Godhead
- The image of God
- The divine obligation
- Psalm 8

A very good Creation

- Not a work in progress
- No defects
- A sufficient display of God
- Nothing lacking
The Creator of Heaven and Earth

The greatness of God
  ▶ The aseity of God
  ▶ Possessor of heaven and earth
  ▶ The pleasure of God

The dependence of man
  ▶ Job 38:1-4f
  ▶ Job 40:4-5; 42:1-6

The duty of man
  ▶ Worship
    – Psalm 104
    – 1 Chron. 16:23-26
    – Revelation 4:11
  ▶ Fear God
    – Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13
    – Romans 1:18f

The foundation of redemption
  ▶ Isaiah 40:25-31
  ▶ Isaiah 42:5
  ▶ Isaiah 44:23-28
  ▶ Isaiah 45:9-13; 18